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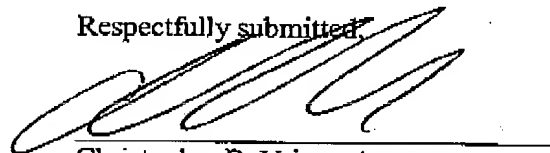
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004, wherein Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-11 and 13-15 were rejected and Claim 12 was allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-11 and 13-15 have been cancelled, and Claims 16-20 have been added. Claims 16-20 depend on allowed Claim 12 and thus should also be in condition for allowance. Claims 12 and 16-20 remain pending.

The entire Office Action dated May 5, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12, and 16-20 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid, please charge our Deposit Account No. 07"0960 for the fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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